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College Extends Limited Parietal Hours to Curfew

'Theatre Hours' Begin Saturday

Open houses in the form of "after theatre hours," extending until women's curfew, will be initiated this Saturday night, The extended parietal hours, envisioned by student activities coordinator Lynn Hinman as "a sensible outgrowth of the Saturday and Sunday open houses," will take place after special events such as theatre presentations, movies, and lectures.

The hours will last from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Saturdays and until midnight on other days. The supervision and arrangement of the after theatre hours will be the same as that of the normal open house, except that the proctor must be either the dormitory resident, or in women's dorms, the house director.

The program was recommended by the Student Life Committee in December and later approved by President Armstrong.

Dennis O'Brien, Dean of Men, commented that "it seems very sensible that students should get together after the theatre or other forms of entertainment, as long as it doesn't become an opportunity for general disorder."

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February 18 — The Cardinal
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March 18 — Drama
March 22
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April 15 — French Play
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April 22 — Concert Film
April 30
Celebrity Series
May 13 — Theatre Presentation

EPC Proposes Radical Change In Academic Policy

Final Faculty Vote On EPC Recommendation This Spring

The EPC report on academic reform, which was released last week and which has been officially designated as "tentative," will be submitted to the faculty for suggestions, and a more complete document will probably be put to the test of a final vote this Spring, Assistant Dean of Men Bruce Peterson told the **Campus.**

Faculty discussion of the twelve-page prospectus took place this week at a faculty smoker, and will continue until their suggestions for improvement of the plan are collated. Whatever changes the faculty deem necessary will be included in a more detailed final report.

The final proposals will be considered at division meetings, and will hopefully be put to the vote of the assembled faculty at its meeting in April.

If accepted, the proposal would not go into effect until the academic year '68-'69. "It will be hard enough work to get everything straightened out in a single year," Peterson said.

He further commented that the nine-member EPC hasn't yet decided whether it will submit the plan "in pieces or as a package." In addition, matters like Physical Education and ROTC are not presently included in the committee proposals.

4 Course, Pass - Fail Included

By JIM TROMBETTA

The winds of change have never been so fierce here as they are today if the recently-issued report of the (Faculty) Educational Policy Committee on academic reform is any indication. The twelve-page document proposes a coherent program of radical change in all

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important areas of college policy, including curriculum and degree requirements, the calendar and grades.

The report, which will be presented with more detail at a later date, was submitted to the faculty, as well as the Student Educational Policy Committee, for their reactions last week.

The proposal asserts the need for a more flexible curriculum. Under the new dispensation, each student would take eight, not ten, courses during the school year, with an additional Winter program between the semesters of about 4½ weeks. The avowed goal in the reduction of course load is an increase in the student's productivity and "less fragmentation" in his time. Although the semesters would be slightly shortened, the student would benefit from adequate time not only for completion of assignments, but for "reflection" and "deeper penetration" into the subject.

Total Immersion

During the winter period each student would engage in a single special program, to acquaint him with an aspect of a discipline which is not the topic of a departmental course. "Total immersion" in a discipline

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Five Take Part Here In Three Day Viet Fast

By PETER KNOBLER

Five Middlebury students participated in a nation-wide Fast For Peace this week, organized by the National Committee of Clergymen and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam. The fast was planned to coincide with the Buddhist New Year and Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

The fast, announced at a conference for "Peace Mobilization" in Washington, D. C., was designed to bring about a "rebirth of compassion" and sensitivity to war. Attended by upwards of 2,000 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish clergymen, the conference announced the fast as "an act of penitence" for the war in Vietnam. "We are all participants in the inhumanity of war by the taxes we pay," stated one of the conference leaders.

Efficiency of Prayer

One of the five participating Middlebury students said the purpose of the fast was "to orient ourselves toward a prayerful attitude to peace." A belief in the "efficacy of prayer" was the prime motivating force behind his decision to fast.

The participants fasted from midnight Tuesday until midnight Friday, eating only a bowl of rice and one or two cups of tea daily. The one meal a day was served at Le Foyer Champlain.

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Members Consider SA Dissolution As Presidency Draws No Contenders

By BARRY SULLIVAN

Failure and discontent. The balance of power and change. Evolution and revolution. These were the topics of discussion at the SA meeting Monday night.

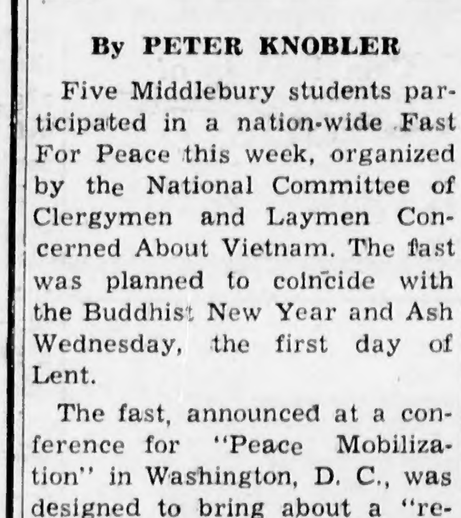
Magna Leffler, a member of the Student Association and the only candidate for an SA office in the up-coming elections, responded to a question from President Rogers in regard to her candidacy for vice-president.

"I don't think that there is any room for enthusiasm in the Student Association as it is set up now."

What the Student Association felt to be their main problem seemed best summed up by Barney Maier when he said that "there is an excellent group of people working in the SA, but it is the structure of the thing which presents the problems."

The principal question seemed to be whether or not there was a continued need for an organized government at Middlebury.

In respect to this question, SA president John Rogers said that "students will start spending time on student government when that time will be worth as much as the time spent in studying, or in any of the other things he can do at Middlebury."



ROGERS: the tie that binds.

Linda Rebucci, vice-president of the Student Association, based her defense of an organized student government on the "respectability of the SA" and on its "bureaucratic responsibilities."

Miss Rebucci suggested that surrendering the financial au-

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In Appreciation

The family of Curt Backstrom, Middlebury sophomore who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last fall, and who is still under constant care, has asked the CAMPUS to convey their gratitude to the entire college community for the consideration and aid which it has given the Backstrom family during these past months of Curt's hospitalization.

NCAA Retains 1.6 Ruling; College Rejection Same

By KARL LINDHOLM

Last month as Middlebury athletes were participating in Christmas holiday competition, the National Collegiate Athletic Association re-endorsed its controversial 1.600 academic requirement ruling, voting down all amendments proposed to the original legislation.

Middlebury, with a number of other eastern schools, including all of the Ivy League institutions, has aligned itself since the conception of the ruling in January '66 in opposition to the NCAA dictum that requires its over 600 members to deny admission and subsequent athletic participation to those athletes achieving a scholastic average of less than 1.600 (slightly below 70 on a scale of 100).

Position Not Changed

"Our position has not changed," despite this recent NCAA activity, said Middlebury Athletic Director Walter Nelson on Monday. "We would like very much to find a way to comply without sacrificing our academic integrity. An outstanding team or individual should be allowed to go to the post-season events."

The NCAA has declared all those schools in non-compliance ineligible for participation in any post-season competition sponsored by the national organization. These events include

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Limon To Head BOG This Year

Junior Steve Limon was elected president of the Board of Governors for the coming year at a joint meeting of the incoming and outgoing boards February 2-3 in Burlington.

Assisting Steve will be Wendy Spillane '68, vice president-secretary-treasurer; and Mary Meyer '68, vice president in charge of research and development.

The new officers appointed the other members of the board to the chairmanships of the following committees: Sandy Sapp '68, house and personnel; Burt Knapp '69, culture; Jim Spencer, '69, special events; Mike Krampton, '69, recreation; Nancy Smith '70, publicity; and Bill Stearns '70, social.

The Board met with the college deans in Burlington to discuss their function in respect to the proposed changes in the social and residence systems. Limon commented that his plans for the Board will hinge on developments of these proposals. He said he intended to continue with the current BOG projects of redecorating the Crest Room and investigating new facilities for social events.

Limon has served as culture committee chairman of BOG for the past year.

'Black Like Me' Author To Speak In Mead Sunday

Speaking at the Celebrity Series Sunday night at 8:15 in Mead Memorial Chapel will be John Howard Griffin, author of **Black Like Me.** A discussion will follow.

In gathering material for his book, Griffin disguised himself as a Negro and traveled through the South, living the life of the Negro from the inside. The book focused national attention on the problems of the Negro in the South.

Griffin is a native of Texas and the author of two novels. He is currently writing a book about his experience of blindness due to a war injury.

READ THE ADS

Council Projects Soph Driving As Primary Goal

The freshman council plans to make the attainment of sophomore driving privileges its primary goal this year, according to frosh president John Taylor.

The council was guided by a recent poll of the freshman class. Of the 40 percent that answered the poll, 160 out of 173 were in favor of sophomore driving privileges. 105 wanted to make it the main goal of the class.

At the moment, this issue is in the hands of the Men's Judicial Council. Nothing definite has resulted yet and Taylor said the council's attitude now was "wait and see." He added however that if the Judicial Council does not act, "the freshman council will."

Another result of the poll showed a majority of freshmen favoring a "closed door" policy for open houses. Though no action is forthcoming on that proposal, Taylor noted that significant progress has been made in extending open houses. The Student Association has already approved for this semester evening open houses that will be held after plays and other college functions.

On the subject of women's hours, the poll showed the large majority in accord with the existing second semester curfews of 12:00 on Fridays and Sundays and 1:00 a.m. on Saturdays.

A new idea that Taylor hopes can be implemented by the is a proposed philanthropic program. Taylor said that he thought the freshman class as a group "has more to offer the community than what we are contributing now."

The program would include an orientation program for Middlebury area high school students. According to the council's plan the students would spend a day at the college and attend two or three classes. Taylor said that the council will wait until next year to organize the program.

Another project the council is undertaking is the writing of a pamphlet which, Taylor explained, would be an in-depth study and description of important issues on campus.

Lack of Material Plagues Baboon And Frontiers

Neither **Frontiers** nor **Blue Baboon** will publish more than one issue this year, according to their respective editors. The reasons cited were the same — a lack of contributions.

Larry Raab '68, editor of **Frontiers,** said that eleven pieces have been accepted, all of which are poems. He added that while quite a few freshmen have contributed, nothing has been accepted from them. The class of '69 has made no contribution.

He cited financial difficulties as another major problem. To partly compensate for the lack of literary material, Raab is planning to include more photographs and drawings, though their printing costs are relatively expensive.

Problems plaguing **Blue Baboon** are more severe. Only five pieces have been submitted. Editor Fritz Harlow '67 told the **Campus** that many more articles were needed to justify publication. "If we don't get them, we plan to include pieces from the magazines of other schools, he commented." Contributions should be mailed to Box 910. No deadline has been set.

The deadline for contributions to **Frontiers** is March 24. The issue should be in the mailboxes by late April or early May.

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Peace Fast . . .

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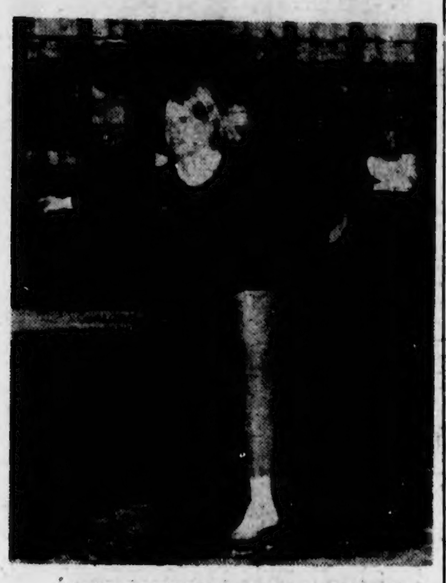
Another participant found a "greater clarity of mind" as the fast continued. In concentrating on the war, one said, "you could orient yourself to a position where you're thinking mostly about that issue and reach a seriousness on the subject which you could not otherwise have come to because of worldly distractions."

Local Clergy

Father Ward and Rev. Ellis, of the Middlebury Catholic and Episcopal Churches respectively, were both among the 2,000 clergymen at the initial "Peace Mobilization" conference in Washington, D. C. Each ate a meal with the fasters and voiced their support of the project.

The purpose of the fast at Middlebury appeared moral and personal. No publicity was given the project, and the fasting students attended classes as usual. One faster generalized, "When you pray for peace, there is a power in prayer to sway the conscience of men."

The New York Times estimated that over a million people throughout the nation participated in the fast.



"THE GREATEST SHOW ON ICE" is the theme of this year's Winter Carnival Ice Show. The show will consist of skating animal acts and solo performances in keeping with the circus motif. The feature act will be a guest performance by Melissa and Mark Militano, 11 year old Junior Eastern Pair Champions of 1967. There will also be a "Faculty Side Show." Performances will be at 8:15 p.m. Thursday the 23rd and 7:15 p.m. Saturday the 25th during Carnival week.

Chapel Sunday: Visvaldis Klive

Dr. Visvaldis V. Klive, Professor of Philosophy at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, will be guest preacher at Mead Chapel Sunday at 11 a.m. A member of the Middlebury faculty from 1959 - 1966, Dr. Klive will deliver a sermon entitled "Is Ethics Superfluous for the Faithful?" His theme will be a critique of the so-called 'new morality.'

A native of Latvia, Professor Klive is a graduate of Wittenberg College, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia University. He is ordained in the Lutheran ministry.

Following the service there will be a coffee hour in Proctor Lounge, providing an opportunity for former students and colleagues to greet Dr. Klive.

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Lewis Freedman, a prominent figure in the TV media, has been announced the speaker for the Middlebury Pre-Conference. He will speak on the rise of Educational Television as a creator rather than as a reflection of culture.

The lecture will be presented on Friday, February 17, at 8:30 p.m. at the Dana Auditorium.

Credited with infusing new life and creativity into ETV, Freedman is presently serving as a consultant for Educational Television to the Ford Foundation.

He was recently dismissed from Channel 13 after John Kiermaier, President of WNDT, cancelled several of his shows.

In an interview with Ed Joyce on WCBS Radio, Freedman commented that "Educational Television is exploding." He said that it is a medium of communication "that will encompass the voices of a varied public and will become, idealistically, an innovator of culture, not bound to the 'big money' supporting it."

Mr. Freedman is a graduate of Harvard University and has been the producer of the Play of The Week (WNTA, New York) and of the DuPont Show of the Week. The New York producer served in 1965 and 1966 as vice-president in charge of programming for WNDT-TV.

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Altered IFC Code Places Responsibility On Houses

At its meeting last Monday night the Interfraternity Council altered both its social and drinking regulation with three sweeping resolutions designed to place "greater responsibility" on the shoulders of fraternities here.

The assembled IFC unanimously passed an amendment to the social code, replacing faculty chaperones with townspeople and College seniors at registered social functions, subject to the approval of the Coordinator of Student Activities. Outgoing president Tiger Bethke '67, commented that this put more "responsibility on the fraternities and their individual members than they've had for a long time." If the proposal is passed by the Student Life Committee it will be in effect over Winter Carnival.

In addition the members proposed two new resolutions altering the fraternity drinking code. The first provides that all alcoholic beverages at parties be "individually owned" and the second states that no alcohol be consumed on college grounds outside of fraternity houses.

Some exceptions to this rule were defined at the meeting. Fraternites may own kegs of beer and hard liquor may be served from privately owned bottles. Alcohol may be served at special outdoor functions. No liquor, however, may be sold at fraternity parties. The stated purpose of these rules is "protection from legal liability" for fraternities and the College.

The proposal will be discussed with Dean O'Brien this week and will thereafter go before the Student Life Committee.

Bethke made some remarks about the accomplishments of the IFC during his tenure as president, citing extended hours for women visitors as well as the IFC stand on the Ad Hoc Report. For the future he suggested that "the rushing system in general should be loosened up," giving the introduction of Spring smokers as an example.

Replacing Bethke as IFC president for the coming year is Joe Wood, CP. Other new officers are Gary Hartman, ASP, vice president, and David Ruberg, KDR, secretary-treasurer, all '68.

Debaters Rank High In Meets

Members of the debate team have competed in two meets this month. In the first, held at William and Mary, February 2 to 4, Jim Pratt '70, and Joe Laboda '69, compiled a 4-4 record, placing them in the upper half of the competitors. Laboda was ranked 16th of the 92 speakers.

Debating February 10-11 at St. John's College in Jamaica, N. Y., Pratt and Clark Wiley, '68 won four of their six debates. They finished eighth out of the 26 teams entered.

Upcoming plans for the team include a novice switch-side debate, March 3-4, at Wayne State University in which Mike Jones '70, and Pratt will compete. Later the team will enter the New England Forensic Tournament at Norwich University, and a meet at City College in New York. They will close their season in April with their annual meet with UVM.

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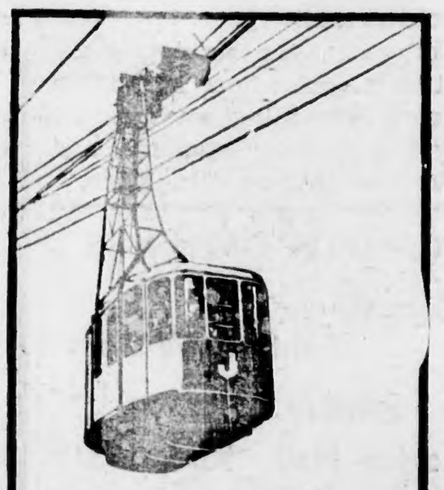

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would involve discovering how one discipline merges with another. Sample programs included in the report included an investigation of mathematical conjecture and theory, a study of a literary genre or convention in classical poetry, or an intensive study of a Shakespearean play. One might imagine as well an opportunity for a student to follow up individual interests crowded out by the requirements of the ordinary academic routine, such as creative writing or the investigation of a problem nowhere covered in the syllabus (e.g., a study of the "Happening" as an art form). The Winter program might also free as many as one-third of the faculty from teaching duties at that time of the year.

The report emphasizes the value of interdepartment courses. It provides for a special classification for courses which "transcend usual disciplinary distinctions" in the catalogue. The designation of such courses as "College Colloquia" would resolve certain difficulties of the present system, witnessed by the problems of many participants in the current urban seminar who were forced to sign up for the course in the English department, or as a fictitious fifties project.

Calendar

Under the new plan, the Fall semester would start about a week earlier than it does at present, and commencement would take place one week earlier as well. Present vacations would be retained, though the Christmas vacation would fall between the semesters, and before the winter term, which would of itself be advantageous, while Carnival would fall bebetween the Winter and Spring terms.

The thirteen weeks of classes would be ended by one rather than one-and-a-half weeks of finals. Comprehensives would be given during the exam week. No official college reading period would be established, but any instructor could institute one in his course during the last week of classes.

There are two alternative plans dealing with general requirements. Alternative A provides for requirements to remain within the new system—much as they are now. According to Alternative B, all distributional and language requirements would be abolished; the only requirements would be the completion of 32 semester courses, including those required by the student's major, and four Winter programs. Programs in the major would be, it is hinted, expanded for "greater breadth" as well as "depth" of inquiry. Thus courses from other programs might be necessary to fulfill the required courses of a major. Indeed more than one major program could be offered in the same department.

In the report the committee makes a sweeping recommendation that overall college average, class standing and Dean's List be eliminated. Students might enroll in courses outside of major and, in the case of Alternative A, college requirements, on a pass-fail basis with the consent of their advisors; in terms of the present system "pass" on the pass-fail system would be the equivalent of seventy or above. All freshman courses would be graded under the present system, as would qualifying and comprehensive exams.

Some details have yet to be considered, such as the role of Physical Education or that of ROTC courses.

"I have high hopes about its being accepted," commented Robert Pack, assistant professor of English and committee member.

There is bound, however, to be some opposition. President Armstrong commented to the **Campus** that "in general" he considered the report "a major step forward." "But there are parts of it," he continued, "which, as President of the College, I will oppose."

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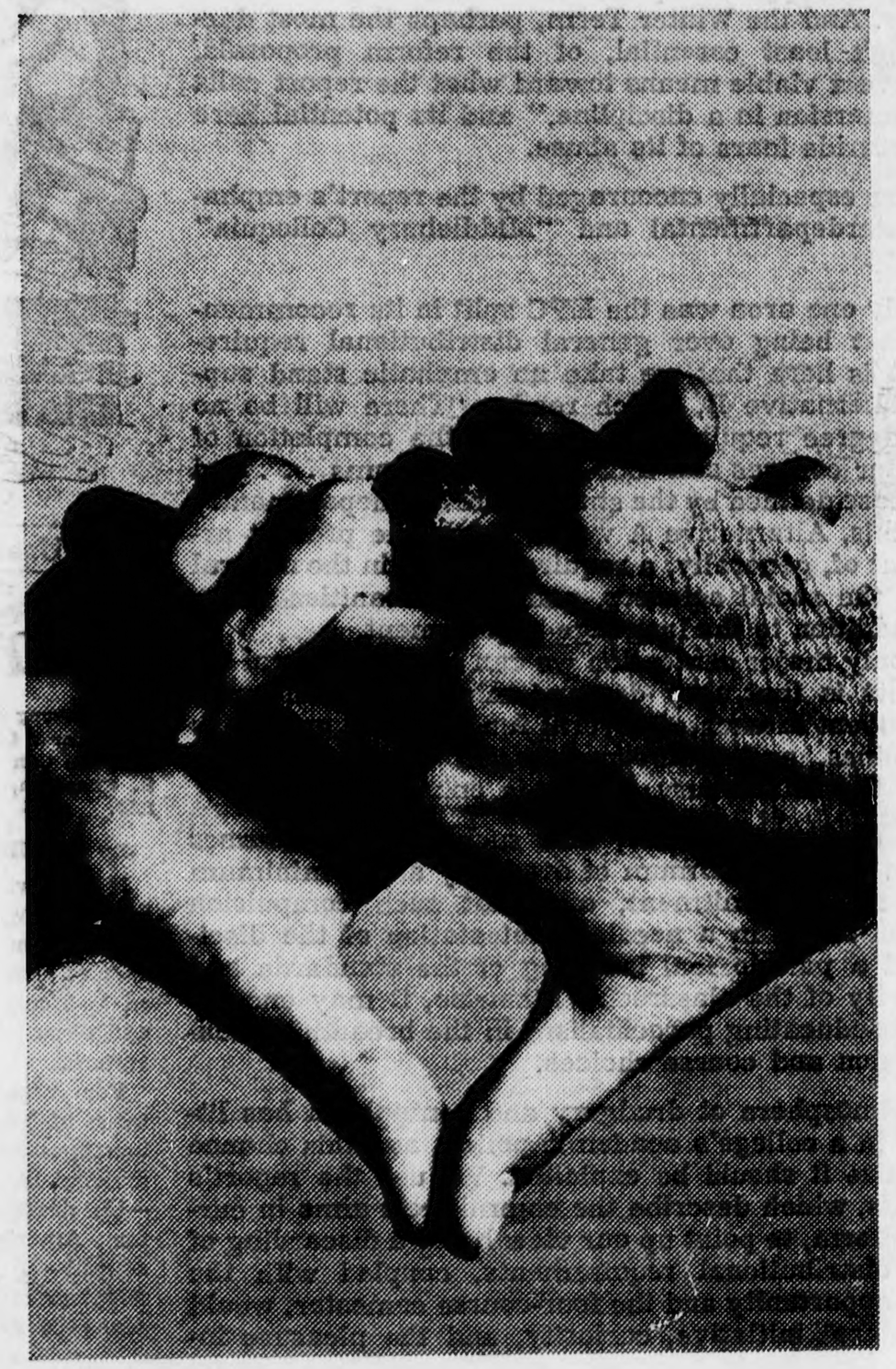

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EDITORIAL SECTION

Required Drudgery

The Educational Policy Committee Report was worth waiting for. Each of the major reforms suggested appear substantially sound ones.

The four-course, shortened semester should permit a more sincere academic concentration, and relieve the student from an unrealistic demand that he distribute his efforts among five courses — a demand which inevitably results in the reserving of one of those courses as a non-essential one.

Likewise, the pass-fail grading opportunity outside the student's major department should stimulate broad student experimentation among the disciplines, while providing the opportunity for a fuller concentration in the major. And the Winter Term, perhaps the most daring, though least essential, of the reform proposals, could prove a viable means toward what the report calls "total immersion in a discipline," and its potential here should override fears of its abuse.

We are especially encouraged by the report's emphasis on interdepartmental and "Middlebury Colloquia" courses.

In only one area was the EPC split in its recommendation, that being over general distributional requirements. It is here that we take an emphatic stand supporting Alternative B, which reads: "There will be no general degree requirements beyond the completion of 32 semester courses and four Winter programs . . . and beyond those defined by the student's major department." Against this, Alternative A would retain the present arrangement of, generally, a required course in the natural sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities-literature, in addition to the language requirement.

The only major contention we can see for general requirements is that they demand minimum proficiency by the student in each of several fundamental groupings of disciplines, and that somehow, in the process, the worth of the Middlebury degree is enhanced.

It is obvious, however, that such required courses are taken with a maximum of drudgery and a minimum of academic commitment, and that such compulsion may often result in a needless detestation of the discipline and a paradoxical lowering of the standards and productivity of the classroom. Likewise, it may encourage a mis-educating parochialism in the breadth of academic vision and course choices.

An atmosphere of drudgery and compulsion has little place in a college's academic policy, and this chance to minimize it should be exploited. We use the report's own words, which describe the committee's aims in curricular reform, to point up our view here: a discarding of general distributional requirements, coupled with the pass-fail opportunity and the four-course semester, would "help natural initiative, curiosity, and the pleasure inherent in learning."

Butterflies

The college's administration unfortunately has exhibited the same weak-kneed approach to the new "after theatre hours" as it has shown with the entire issue of parietal hours.

A potentially admirable extension of the open house system into the evening hours following special events — obviously to experiment with the feasibility of night-time parietals in what we suspect is in anticipation of increased student demand for a maturing of their living environment — has been made ludicrous by the addendum that such open houses must be proctored by either the dormitory resident or house director.

To show such lack of confidence in the normal student proctoring can mean only that the administrators simply do not trust the same system which they handmade for afternoon parietals. If they suspect that things are "going on," perhaps they should come out and say so.

But if they are just a bit squeamish — well, we're all used to that.

Pending Bill C Student Minim

By DICK BITTMAN

Vermont students, long exempt from the coverage of the present State Minimum Wage Law, may be included in a new act, Senate Bill 1012, now under consideration in the General Committee of the Vermont Senate. Besides bringing students under its jurisdiction, the bill calls for an increase in the state minimum wage from $1.25 to $1.40 per hour, effective July 1, 1967; and from $1.40 to $1.60 the following July 1.

In Montpelier, the state capital, the question of student inclusion poses a dilemma. Sena-

Draft Uneconomical

Call To Voluntary Arms

The Wrong Man in Uniform, Our Unfair and Obsolete Draft — and How We Can Replace It, by Bruce K. Chapman, Trident Press, N. Y., 1967. $3.95

By MAUREEN CROWLEY

If the war in Vietnam has aroused widespread national troversy on its own merits or lack of them, it has also served to focus national attention—and dissatisfation—on our draft system.

For reasons ranging from those of principle—the draft is incompatible with ideals of individual liberty—to the political —the draft furnishes manpower for American "imperialism" abroad—to the more selfish—it interferes with the personal plans of its victims, normally disparate groups have found a basis of accord. Of note is the recent adoption by representatives of right, left, and moderately-oriented student groups of a resolution calling for the abolition of the present draft system and encouragement of service in humanitarian fields.

These objections and others are discussed in **The Wrong Man in Uniform.** But Author Chapman in addition presents a strong and much-needed case for the abolition of the draft on economic grounds in calling for a voluntary military service as not only a more equitable alternative but an economically feasible one.

Inequities

From the welter of confusion surrounding draft laws and practices, what clearly emerge are the inequities. Students, fathers, farmers and Reservists share unfair advantages in obtaining deferments, in some cases amounting to exemptions; both local draft boards and the College Qualification Test are sympathetic to the math-oriented or mechanically-skilled over the liberal artsy; physical and mental standards miraculously adjust to supply and demand; bureaucratic muddling adds to the unjust mess.

While these inequities are usually minimized by draft defenders as the result of a necessary evil, Chapman notes that for some, the draft is even seen as a "positive benefit to society, perhaps worth maintaining even if the Chinese and Soviets were to metamorphose into capitalist democrats in the morning."

Evasion Mentality

These eulogizers of the draft see the military as "a great leveller;" "the Army builds men," they claim, and "citizen participation in the military" is of great social value. Chapman exposes their euphemisms as myths.

What the draft does do, says

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THE DRAFT: "evasion mentality," "cynicism all around."

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Could Boost imum Wage

tor Douglas Kitchell, Chairman of the General Committee, told the **Campus** by telephone that because of previous student exemption the Commissioner of Industrial Relations has been unable to give the Committee necessary information as to the effects of the bill on employer and employee. Vacation resorts, for example, have employed students over the summer. The wage increase and inclusion of students in the proposed act could place resorts in financial jeopardy and at the same time reduce the number of summer jobs available to students.

But the Committee is unsure of how many other industries might be similarly affected.

Moreover the term "student" includes, for example, both 16- and 20-year-olds. To include all students might be to ignore factors of experience and ability. On the other hand, commented Senator Kitchell, to distinguish between ages could be difficult to legislate. "A blanket proposal is a hard one to examine in all its implications," he summarized.

Dollar An Hour

The question of student wages, however, is not confined to Montpelier. Since February 1, students employed by the College have been earning $1.00 per hour under the new Federal Minimum Wage Law. According to James Ross, Middlebury College's Business Manager, the college is still determining the effects of the federal act; as yet, the college has not considered the pending state legislation. Several questions are left open.

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Letters To The Editor

SA Dissipation

To the Editor:

Is student government needed at Middlebury? Has the Student Association in its present form obtained any genuine control over student life, either social or academic?

The completely negative response to the scheduled election of a new president and vice president of the SA testifies to this organization's inaction and its inability to create an effective voice. The maintenance of student government in the present effete form (just another committee) militates against any real student participation in social and academic reforms and further inhibits both the students and administration from dealing with the tensions created by the inadequacies of student life at Middlebury.

The structure of the SA is a principal cause of its ineffectiveness. Positive action by the Administration on behalf of the students has more often been the result of direct agitation by the student body on an "ad hoc" basis (for example the present system of open houses) than of SA petitioning. Simply, student demands are more likely to be acted upon if the administration is pressured by mass-supported proposals.

The committee (sub-committee) format of the SA dissipates the momentum of student-initiated proposals and inhibits the application of pressure against administrative intransigence. And the SA has inadvertently stifled the concern of the students (such as it is) in the College's future.

Apathy, yes — but many students would actively respond to a realistic proposal to the acquisition of real power: it is possible for students to acquire this power!

Students should form on an ad hoc basis to push for a specific proposal, that is, a single issue at a time, in this way. Plans and pressure will not be delivered to the Administration second hand, since what little student power exists largely takes form as pressure and one issue is not bargained away for another more likely to be passed, as happens with the SA.

The power of the dollar is equally promising. Students can refuse to donate money to the college as alumni for five to ten years (sign a pledge!) unless the power structure changes. Boycott classes for a "disruptive" period of time.

While it is important to develop methods for acquiring power, it is also necessary to understand the limits of what can be legitimately demanded. On this issue no definitions will be quickly or easily drawn. "Student government" on an ad hoc basis is not a solution to the problem of student government, but it is a necessary step. So **don't** support your SA!

Susan Walker '68
Barney Maier '67
SA Members

Misconception

To the Editor:

We wish to correct the misconception which our letter of appeal evidently conveyed to many of you — that of unwarranted pressure. Our intention was to get you to reply so we would not inconvenience you again with the matter, not to intimidate you with a give-or-else ultimatum. We sincerely appreciate any help you wish to offer.

Curt has recently been transferred to the University Hospital in Boston, and, according to close friend Charlie Beall, is making impressive progress.

Backstrom Fund Committee
Coach Gerry Alaimo

Statement

To the Editor:

The IFC in response to the Ad Hoc report, drew up an open letter which appeared in the January 19 edition of the Campus.

Strongly in favor of fraternities, the IFC proposed fraternity sleeping privileges and limited rush as means of preserving the system.

As yet, there has been no response to the report from the women's side of the campus. The Panhellenic Council, whose members represent the five sororities, does not claim to be speaking for all the women in making the following statement:

Although fraternities belong only to the men, their social function is important to the college community as a whole.

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Quartet Professional But Communicates No Emotion

By JOHN PLANT

Sunday's concert by the Renaissance Quartet was of uniform professionalism but varying liveliness. At times the selections seemed chosen not for their musical but their periodic interest; and even in the interesting numbers, the quartet's professional delivery sometimes seemed to hinder the communication of the musical gesture.

For this misfortune I feel the tenor was largely to blame. His singing confirmed one's prejudices about the irrelevance of much Renaissance music. His style seemed pompous and unrelated to any underlying emotion, no matter how stylized; one could not distinguish an English lullaby from a bawdy French song. He had a nice pianissimo when he chose to use it, but usually his dynamics were monotonous. He failed, especially in the French songs, to bring out parallels and contrasts in the melody. Finally, I would suggest that to convey the feeling of a cuckoo it is not necessary to bob the head like one. It is that sort of thing which alienates people from music already quite foreign.

The rest of the ensemble performed with agility and grace. The first part of the program boasted a duet for pizzicato bass viol and lute, **My Lady Carey's Dompe.** The range of expression which the two performers exacted from plucked strings was considerable. The most exciting part of the program was the selection of three Spanish lute solos. Astonishing as Mr. Iadone's virtuosity was, it was always subordinated to the contour of the music.

In general, the fewer performers playing, the more enjoyable and communicative the music was. The ensemble seemed to stifle the music, and a large part of the program was marred by the insensitivity of the singer. But Mr. Iadone, the lutenist, was breathtaking.

The Great Society's Tranished Dream

BY MAUREEN CROWLEY

With a relaxation of the war on poverty and urban decay, rising crime rates and increased tension in race relations, the ever-growing U. S. commitment in Vietnam, and not least, a presidential liability to caricature, 1966 seems to have witnessed a corresponding disillusionment on the part of the public with LBJ's dream for a Great Society.

This disillusionment over programs already implemented and skepticism over the programs' futures were expounded in the Liberal Forum Conference on "The Great Society: Myth and Reality," held here last weekend.

The four speakers, Congress of Racial Equality Assistant Director Lincoln Lynch, Newark Community Union Project head Tom Hayden, League for Industrial Democracy Executive Director Tom Kahn, and Yale professor and peace candidate for Congress Robert Cook, expressed similar consternation, differently arrived at, on many of the aspects of the Great Society discussed.

Gloomy Picture

Lynch, Cook and Hayden presented a rather sinister view of the directions in which our society is headed, describing an increasingly corporate and bureaucratic society with a corresponding diminishing of the importance of the individual voice in his future.

Cook decried the emergence of a ". . . bureaucratic welfare state which we feel is more committed to perpetuating itself than in contributing to the welfare of society," and he characterized the Democratic party as building a machine on the instruments of the Great Society."

Compared to western European countries, the United States is not nearly as advanced a welfare state, and there hasn't been a great deal of recent progress in welfare or civilian spending programs, commented Hayden, and he too criticized a misdirected and inefficient bureaucracy.

For Lynch, the future forebodes no good for the Negro American. "I speak to you tonight as a black American," he announced, and as a black American he attacked what he rhetorically defined as "the national immorality." "Canards are advanced as national policy"; "an iniquitous draft system asks Negroes to fight and die for a democracy they cannot share here."

Vulture

His descriptions of America, which was usually synonymous with "white America," were at the least vivid: "America has become like a vulture . . . which seeks to fatten itself on the carcasses of the poor"; . . . "White America is out to annihilate "us"; "policeman of the world, America makes open aggression on non-white countries."

Yale Sociologist Robert Cook and League for Industrial Democracy's Tom Kahn: Can the old structures resolve the new problems?

His black power philosophy reflected the disillusionment of black Americans with the liberals whom they once counted as their closest friends. "Long schooled in a paternalistic society," he said, referring to Martin Luther King and other less militant Negro civil rights leaders, "they have placed all their trust and hope in the probity . . . of a white power structure."

"Fighting for integration is like a beggar fighting to get into the garbage can," he maintained, scorning those who are "forever aping the values of a white middle class, which have no meanings."

However meaningless those values, Lynch is determined that the opportunity to choose them not be denied the "Afro-American." "We want every solitary thing a white American has, nothing more and not a bit less."

He proposes to get this "nothing more and not a bit less" through "exercising our economic and political muscle." "The time has come for black people to come together . . . to work outside the power structures of Democrats and Republicans," and he announced plans for a national conference to initiate a political base of action "around the fact of blackness, around . . . negritude."

The conference would address itself to "the economic and political powerlessness that American Negroes have endured for so long."

This recognition of the need to remedy powerlessness politically was reiterated throughout the conference. Citing the voicelessness of the poor in the face of poverty projects and urban renewal programs, whose main purpose seems to be to "bash the poor," Hayden insisted, "You can win rights, but rights are meaningless unless you have political power."

He personally is working through the Community Union Project to organize Newark's poor as a political base.

Surrogate Politics

Cook viewed political voicelessness as more extensive.

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Skiers Resurge At Hanover

McCollum Wins Downhill Event

By DAVE BREEN

Seeking revenge for a sweeping defeat last week, the Middlebury College Ski Team nearly upset heavily favored host Dartmouth with a strong all-around performance at the annual Dartmouth College Winter Carnival last Friday and Saturday, February 10 and 11.

Led by junior Bill McCollom, who turned in a surprise victory in the downhill competition, and Captain John Morton, who placed second in the cross-country, the Panthers were in contention for victory until the last results were tallied.

Leading Middlebury by the slim margin of 294 to 292.5, the Indians pulled it out by placing 1-2-3 in the jump.

McCollom Stars in Downhill

Friday afternoon Middlebury lost the cross-country by the smallest of margins, placing Morton second and senior Terry Morse fourth behind perennial victor Ned Gillette of Dartmouth.

Then Saturday morning, McCollom set the stage for a Panther team victory by turning in the two fastest runs of the day, clinching the downhill for Middlebury. McCollom was backed up by Mike Dooley, who placed ninth, and Jim McGill and Bill Harriman, who finished twelfth and fourteenth respectively.

But the host skiers had proved too strong in the slalom and were to maintain their moncpoly in the jump. While McCollom, McGill, and Harriman had all finished in the top ten in the slalom, Dartmouth's entries were bunched closer to the top of the list.

Jump Insures Dartmouth Win

And Dartmouth's lead was preserved in the event which has always been their strongest, the jump. While Middlebury hopefuls Thompson and David Nelson recorded long jumps, they were penalized on style and placed only fourth and fifth. Norwegian Per Coucheron won the jump for the Indians by a large margin as expected, and the Dartmouth margin in this event was the only big victory for Dartmouth in the carnival.

Team Captain Dave Rikert of Williams showed well enough in all four events to be named Skimeister, the outstanding skier of the Carnival.

Victory Eludes Basketballers; Bow By 90-89

By GARY BRODNAN

The Middlebury basketball team's hopes for its first victory of the season were frustrated in a game against Hamilton College once again last Saturday afternoon at Memorial Gymnasium as the Panthers fought back from a 14 point second half deficit, only to see their rally fall one point short, losing 90-89.

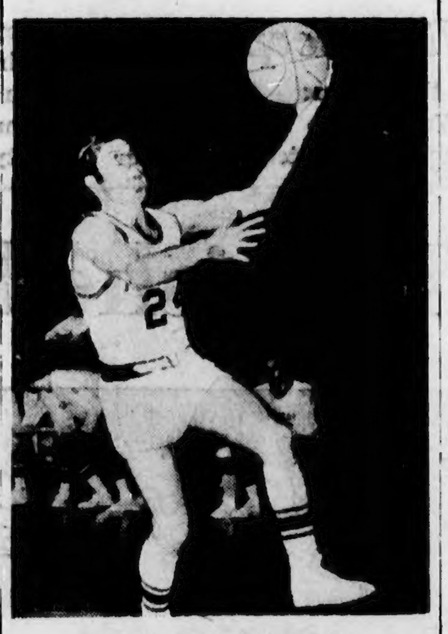
Middlebury had possession of the ball with 20 seconds remaining trailing by a single point. A long one hand shot by Dave Vanier with 14 seconds left rebounded into the hands of Hamilton giving them the ball — and the game.

Psychoanalyst Alaimo

Panther Coach Gerry Alaimo, in preparation for this week's games against Union and Brandeis, has been directing his efforts to relaxing his tense ballplayers, whose game performances have been affected by the victoryless campaign.

Union, who have also been edged in a recent game by Hamilton, hosted the Middlebury five last night after the **Campus** had been put to bed. Brandeis invades the Field House on Friday, bringing a fine shooter in Captain Barry Zimmerman, but a poor 3-11 record.

The Middlebury effort against Hamilton was headed by scoring leader Dave Vanier, who threw in 21 points. Sophomore Rick Minton played his finest game of the season, tossing in 18. Captain Pete Roby followed with 16 points. Senior guard Dave Nicholson scored 8 points and played an outstanding floor game.



DAVE NICHOLSON

Inside Story

Why I Play

by Jim Allen

This represents the first of a series of "guest" Inside Stories. This is the initiation of the quest for an "essence of sports."

Jon Berger has played football and lacrosse for his four years at Middlebury. Perhaps the culmination of his career was his selection for the honorary Dick Rapp Award — symbolizing Middlebury's outstanding lineman. Jon's spartan interpretation of athletics is a reflection of his style of play-determined desire compensating for a lack of natural talent. Football mentor "Duke" Nelson termed Berger's performance against Bates, alluded to in this article, "as fine a game as any guard we've had."

J. A.

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Why go out for two hours every afternoon for six months of the year? Why spend a good deal of the other six months getting in shape? Why suffer through heat, mud, cold, twisted ankles, and strained thighs? Have I enjoyed what I have done? Yes, I think I have.

I have made many friends. The kind of close friends one makes from sharing hard times, depressing times, and invigorating times. On a team that runs endless drills and many sprints in hot September, or slogs three cold and steep miles every day in March, a person knows and respects those who stick around. A team lives and dies together. All suffer through a loss. All rejoice at a win. I remember the joy in my teammates' faces when we beat Wesleyan and their down-trodden looks after the Hamilton disaster. None of us will forget our comeback against Bates, or the delirium that followed.

Not Easy to Let Down Friends

It takes discipline to go all out when you're tired. A person who has not had to train hard or go all out in a close game misses something you cannot get from studies. Studies are for one person, team sports are not. On a team you owe a responsibility to the other members to do your best all of the time. It is easy to let down on yourself. It is not so easy to let down your friends.

I have had fun. I like to mix it up on the line of scrimmage. I enjoy giving my man a hard afternoon. I am even willing to take a few hard shots along the way. There is a good feeling that comes from being in shape. It allows you to breathe deeply but easily, to be tired, but not fatigued, at the end of a long practice. It feels good to run hard in the crisp autumn air. It feels good to breathe in that warm spring freshness around 5:30 at the end of a lacrosse practice.

Soft Touch of Clothes

There is something good about relaxing under the shower, dressing slowly and feeling the soft touch of your clothes after the harsh pressure of the shoulder pads. There is nothing better than the cold drink of water reaching down to the dry places in your throat left by the sweat and shouting of practice. When you walk out of the field house, you feel pleasantly tired, clear in the head, and ready to face whatever the evening brings.

Skaters Fortunes Soar; Shock Northeastern 3-1

By BOB LENZ

Saturday evening in Memorial Field House, a resurgent Middlebury hockey team capped off a three-game winning streak, upsetting highly-ranked Northeastern 3-1. Middlebury posts a 4-2 record in division play, 6-9 in overall competition.

The Panthers now prepare for an away game with Amherst this Saturday, then for one of the toughest contests of the season against AIC in a Monday home contest. In a game played last night, after the **Campus** went to press, Middlebury squared off against Williams.

Major Upset

In Northeastern, Middlebury confronted a squad that had just upset powerful Boston College, a nationally ranked sextet. As the crowd roared its encouragement, the Panthers moved into the final period, possessing a narrow 1-0 lead.

Stu Dunn provided the Panthers breathing room, scoring on a spectacular breakaway at the six minute mark of the final period. A few moments later, however, Northeastern defenseman Turcotte stunned the crowd, closing the margin to 2-1 on a fifty-foot slapshot.

Defenseman Carter Jahncke tallied the clincher at 9:05, taking a pass from Dunn and drilling in a hard slapshot.

Brown Magnificent

Brown produced his most outstanding performance of the season, stopping 33 shots, three coming on stunning saves of breakaways. Brown's outstanding goaltending allowed Peter Kirkpatrick's lone goal, scored after only four minutes of play, to stand up through the first two periods of play.

On the preceding Wednesday, Middlebury commenced its winning skein, edging out Dartmouth 3-2 on a goal by Blaine Doherty with three minutes remaining. Doherty lifted in a fifteen-foot backhander, beating Green goalie Warren Cook.

Listless Dartmouth Defense

The Panthers opened up a 2-0 lead at the end of the first period, due to a listless Dartmouth defense and the inspiring influence of newly-returned Stu Dunn.

Friday, in another home game, the Panthers overpowered Hamilton College 9-4, displaying an awesome offensive attack.

Return of Dunn

Dunn, playing in his second game, continued his important role in the Middlebury resurgence. His first line, with Doherty at left wing and Dave Symonds on the right, contributed seven of the nine goals. Doherty garnered four goals and two assists. In addition to his scoring, he was outstanding in his role as penalty-killer.

Symonds picked up one score and three assists, while linemate Dunn tallied two goals and one assist. Mike Watt and Peter Kirkpatrick also scored for Middlebury.

GOALIE PETER BROWN AND DEFENSEMAN PETER MONTORI in a momentary lull before the offensive barrages of Northeastern. Outstanding in the major upset of the Eastern hockey power, Brown registered 33 saves, three coming on clear breakaways. (Photo by Sluder)

NCAA Votes To Retain 1.600 Ruling; Middlebury Opposition Is Unchanged

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popular National Championship tourneys in many sports.

It is Middlebury's ski team that is most immediately affected by the NCAA position. The nation's ski enthusiasts are contemplating the distressing possibility that the National Ski Championships, held in the East this year, will be run without the top three eastern ski teams, Dartmouth, Middlebury, and Williams. All three schools oppose the 1.600 legislation.

Ivy League — Interesting

It is indeed interesting to consider the position of the Ivy League in relation to the 1.600 controversy. As the situation now stands, Princeton's basketball team, Yale's Don Schollander-led swim team, Cornell's hockey team, and Columbia's fencing team, all among the nation's best, will be unable to compete in the National Championship events.

Over the past year, the NCAA has provided dissenting institutions with an alternative means for declaring that the 1.600 scholastic minimum is adhered to on the individual campuses. It grants schools what is called an "institutional" waiver, which accounts for a "provisional acceptance" of the ruling. In this instance, a school records for the NCAA its admissions standards and standards for athletic participation, and the NCAA in turn determines from the information if these standards are amicable to the demands of the 1.600.

Many schools have decided upon this manner of compliance, including Ivies Dartmouth, Cornell, Brown, and Princeton. Yale and Harvard, however, are conspicuously absent, and the Ivy League acts as a group in matters concerning athletic policy. It is felt that a major statement concerning the 1.600, defining the entire group's stance, will perhaps be forthcoming in upcoming weeks.

Independent of Ivies

Assistant to the President of Middlebury College, Peter Decker, was asked how a possible change in the stance of the Ivy League would affect Middlebury's position. "It would make very little difference," Decker responded. "It should be recalled that Middlebury asserted its original stance in March 1966 to the Ivy League. Again, we would view the matter in terms of our local situation."

The 1.600 ruling has been the subject of controversial debate for its entire one-year life. Middlebury, with its companion dissenters, claims that it is not the domain of a national athletic organization to determine the academic policy of its individual members.

The complying schools and the defenders of the 1.600 (including the popular weekly sports

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BY BARNES BOFFEY

A lot of big records were broken in the last two weeks on the basketball court. The Super-Duper White Pillar Mob took a DU-bag and lost two games in a row to end their 58 game winning streak. This streak had lasted over a period of 5 and one half years, with 14 games being won by less than 4 points.

The Siggies led the parade by putting down DU by three points in a fast and furious game in which tempers grew short. The next night the Ranchers from KDR put down the ex-champs by twelve points to add insult to injury. This left SE with a near undefeated season with KDR and DKE close behind.

The Taus finally got something to say "Cheese" about when they put down a depleted Rancher squad, but the Ranchers got their revenge on a Sig Ep Team, in the last game of the season, by beating SE by 12 points, in a game which might have been closer if one of the Seasoned Siggies had been there to make their starting five intact.

As the season finished up, SE was first with 9-1, KDR second with 8-2, then DKE and DTO. Mallouk was second highest scorer in the league (How's that for modesty) and Kirby was third.

Looking back on the basketball season, the key factor seemed to be height and the fast break. SE had Kimmel and Bicknell for the break and the ball handling, and McMahon for height. The Ranchers had Pounder and Dorion for ball handling. Next week's Bush League will have the All-Bush-B-Ball team, so don't miss the next issue.

In hockey last week, the final battle between the top two league teams seems to be heading for DU-KDR conflct, a repeat of last year's championship. In the actual games last week, instead of this stupid hypothesizing, the Frosh beat the Chipsi Gypsies, DU beat a good ASP team (I guess Brosman was playing Basketball that night), KDR beat ZP. (in living color), and DKE beat ZP also.

The top scorers in the league at the present time are Virile Jim Valby, Hen-Pecked Lee Pearson, and Wily Dave Weissman of DU. The teams go into the Championship league next week, which will offer this writer another chance for some unbiased reporting.

1.6 Ruling

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journal **Sports Illustrated**) contend that those in non-compliance are merely indulging in a kind of "academic snobbery," citing the intent of the NCAA as an attempt to curb the activities of state universities and other large schools famous for their athletic teams and notorious for the lax academic standards governing athletic participation.

Concerning the future of the 1.600, Athletic Director Nelson foresees in '68 or '69 a change in the rule favorable to the eastern schools; Decker, on the other hand, finds little "conciliatory" in the stance of the NCAA and even admits the conceivability of the Ivy League and other schools dropping out of the national body.

SA Dissolution?

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thority of the Student Association would probably mean giving it to the deans, while Barney Maier suggested that the effects would be exactly those desired to create more student activity on the campus.

"Money will still be needed by the various organizations," Maier said, "and ways will be found to get the money. This would create the necessary activity, and the Administration would have to deal directly with the leaders."

John Rogers recalled the planned sit-in demonstration last spring over parietal hours. "Only when a sit-in was threatened by a group other than the SA did the Administration react. They had something definite in mind and they were going to pursue it, yet they were a nebulous group. The important element was the element of surprise."

Early in the meeting, one member called for a "more clearly defined role for student government at Middlebury," yet the consensus appeared to be that the college has already offered a working definition.

"The definition of student government at Middlebury is quite clear," Barney Maier said. "The SA is a showcase or a sounding board, and that it has very little power is also clear."

Political Reorientation

New IFC President Joe Wood suggested that the problem of the Student Association is that they lack bargaining power. "The only powerful and effective organization on campus is the IFC," Wood said. "The college needs the fraternities at the present time because we are feeding 550 men. It is this bargaining power that the IFC has and which the SA doesn't have."

Magna Leffler questioned the whole area of prestige when she said that SA members have contact with the Administration not through their roles in the SA, but through their positions on activities like BOG or the IFC. "I can't see that people have communication with the deans because of the SA," Miss Leffler said.

"No student government exerts power simply by means of its existence," Barney Maier said.

Members Hesitant

SA President John Rogers told **the Campus** that he considered the meeting Monday night "interesting and constructive." Yet the members appeared hesitant to declare the SA dissolved, as some suggested, or to follow Barney Maier's plan of resorting to a number of informal "Ad Hoc committees organized around one issue."

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Military By Choice . . .

(Cont. from Editorial Section)

Chapman, is foster an "evasion mentality," encourage early marriages and families, compound anxieties surrounding educational and career choices, and influence employment policies. Not least, with its sham "universality," it is "productive of cynicism all around."

Chapman dismisses the idea of a national lottery system as "more arbitrary, more self-defeating and more callous than the present draft." He cites "staggering" philosophical and administrative obstacles to the proposal for a national service plan—the conscription of men and women for society's "alleged improvement" as an alternative for society's defense. Universal Military Training, he says, would perhaps serve "equity," but not "common sense and human liberty."

One wonders what his reaction would be to Sen. Robert Kennedy's recent suggestion that police service be an alternative to military service.

Savings

A voluntary military is the only answer, says Chapman, and contrary to the position of many of its detractors, an economical one. A career military would reduce the huge and costly turnover of personnel each year, with ancillary effects in the training programs and facilities and in staff assignment.

Insist the draft defenders: financial inducements to obtain a voluntary military would be prohibitive and in addition, would make our armed forces —shudder—mercenaries. Chapman not only provides statistics disproving the prohibitive costs, but questions the objection as being itself indicative of a poor draft stance.

A voluntary military does not presuppose the offering of fantastic emolument, but merely that comparable to civilian pay scales. Men should not be paid for their patriotism," says Chapman, "but neither should they be punished for it."

However persuasive Chapman's argument for a voluntary military, the likelihood of its implementation seems virtually non-existent, especially in the light of an impending National Advisory Commission on Selective Service report.

According to **New York Times** Correspondent Neil Sheehan, the report, originally scheduled for completion in early January and now believed imminent, is expected to ignore the proposal of a voluntary military and recommend adjustments in the present system rather than its replacement.

In **The Wrong Man in Uniform**, Chapman decries the fact that the "present atmosphere of official complacency, requiring that draft critics prove their case, is distinctly anti-libertarian; it is the necessity of the draft, not the possibility of doing away with it, that should be under constant question. Those who would retain coercive conscription in a democracy are the ones who should be required to bear the burden of proof."

Chapman nevertheless assumes that burden of proof, and presents a highly persuasive case. Exponents of the draft have not done nor are likely to do so. And the war in Vietnam, which has focused attention on the draft, seems to preclude the possibility of its adolition.

Grant To Reduce Teaching Loads

The Braitmayer Foundation awarded the college a $14,000 grant last week to sponsor a program for the initiation and introduction of the new teacher into the profession.

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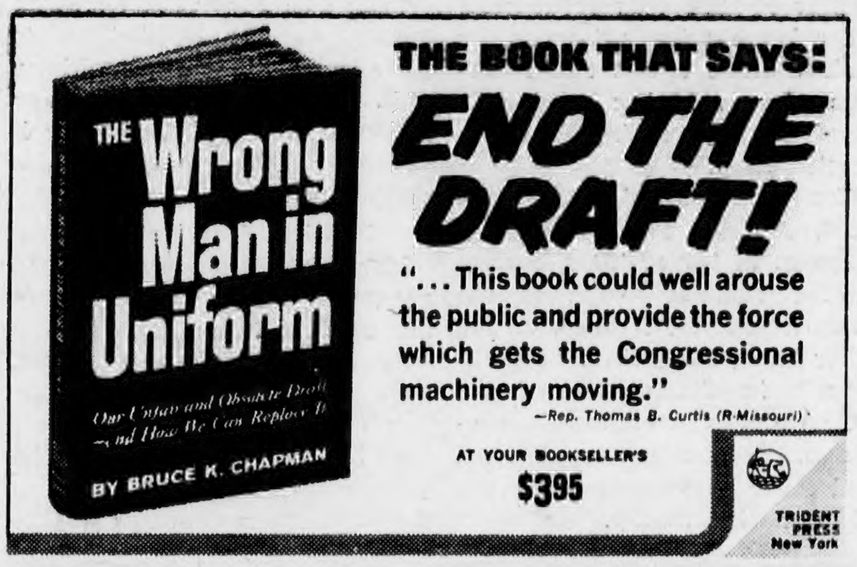
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Tarnished Dream

Even normally-outspoken liberals or radicals have been effectively silenced since the McCarthy era, he noted, and many Americans "substitute a stance of opinion for politics" or "think they can be political by being non-partisan."

Drawing from his experience as a candidate for Congress from the New Haven area, he found that "dissident elements who are very often poor or young or black or all three have difficulty marshalling power; they are squelched, or the leaders bought off, or a minor adjustment is made temporarily." He saw the organization of independent third parties, on a situational basis, as the answer to this powerlessness.

While describing this alternative to two-party politics as appealing to the more idealistic, he defended the movement's primary purpose as political rather than psychologically satisfying on the personal level: "We do not want to be just dissenters, not just thorns in the sides of those in power, but actually displacing those in power."

Conflicts

Cook, Hayden and Lynch's spurning of traditional political organizing was an extension of their views on the conspiratorial forces of our society. It was their methods for changing the directions in which society is headed that came in for the most fire from Tom Kahn, young official of an older liberal organization.

One must work for change within the recognized party organizations, he maintained, in the case of the liberals — within the Democratic Party, where "the most important conflicts in this society are being fought out."

Kahn's implications were that while Cook's revulsion with the Democratic machine, Lynch's disenchantment with moderate civil rights leaders, and Hayden's disillusionment with the establishment in general were not only undefstandable but expected, they were nevertheless reactionary, and that the hope for the future lies in a liberal-labor-civil rights coalition within the Democratic Party.

Realignment

Extrapolated, this movement would correspond with a political realignment in America, with liberal and "truly" conservative forces moving toward the kind of political structure as in Great Britain.

Kahn, while in agreement with the three on the failures and insufficiencies of the Great Society programs, was less assured on the machinations of our society. Left-wing critics of the welfare state, he said, see it as "an enormous contrivance created by the power structure for the purpose of buying off the public. This view tends to confuse cause and effect; it leaves out the degree to which the welfare state is a long struggle to modulate and humanize the social system, which is essentially a struggle from below . . . The welfare state attempts to manipulate people and simultaneously raises the level of social issues; there is a failure to recognize that the welfare state grants concessions."

The outlook of the others was more gloomy. "I'm convinced our society is more open than we realize if we only work for it," said Cook, ". . . but it's incredibily difficult . . ."

Hayden not only sounded a sour note on the domestic future, but saw a United States victory in Vietnam as an impossibility.

For Lynch, the ever-enlarging ghetto and its ever-increasing problems are portentious of a bleak future and there is the omnipresent chance that "black man will be thrown back into the night of white supremacy." But whatever that future he advises, for White America, "There's a Negro in it."

To The Editor . . .

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There would be a decided advantage in having the fraternities exist alongside of the societies. The competition should improve the social events of both.

Since fraternities cannot exist as mere social clubs without sleeping privileges and since limited rush would invigorate the system, the Council favors the two IFC proposals made in the open letter.

Only the men, who are thoroughly familiar with life in a fraternity, are qualified to judge its value. These men have found their system worthwhile. We have confidence in their decision and we offer them our support.

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Denuded

To the Editor:

I recently decided to grow a beard, not because I had any aspirations to becoming a beatnik, nor because I had forgotten to shave for several days, but because I had developed a desire, perhaps a rather vain one, at that, to see what I would look like in a beard, just for the heck of it. I was little prepared for the massive repercussions that resulted from my innocent decision....

Except for my additional hair, no changes had come over my character or my way of living, but a number of people began looking at me and treating me as if I were an entirely different person. I had, it seemed, rather irresponsibly bolted from the ranks of clean-cut young American men and was becoming instead one of those unkempt, boorish social revolutionaries so often and so unfairly associated with a beard.

Now that sounds rather pompous, doesn't it? As a matter of fact, although I was somewhat disturbed by the changed attitude of a number of people toward me as a result of my crop of fuzz, I was also amused by the whole situation. I had seldom realized before just how much the average middle-class American is a victim of his own milieu, how his attitudes and images of what is socially correct are molded by his status in society. I was anxious to continue growing my beard especially because I wanted to escape a certain mold or image.

As a relatively impoverished college student, I have found it necessary to earn my board for the school year by serving as a regular waiter in Proctor. Little did I know, when I started to grow my chinwarmer, that working as a waiter there and wearing a beard were mutually exclusive events.

After my beard had been growing about ten days, and life seemed to be going along as usual, despite my added foliage, I was informed with finality by Miss Thorpe, the dietician, that I could not not continue waiting in Proctor if I persisted in growing a beard. No explanation was offered, and since nothing had been said about it on my waiter's contract (which contained no fine print at the bottom), I was at a loss to discover why having a beard was detrimental to continue waiting in Proctor if I persisted in growing a beard.

I had every intention of keeping my beard neat, clean and trimmed, and no intention of dipping it into Monday's spaghetti or Thursday's noodles. However, financial reasons compelled me to continue waiting in Proctor, so I, not without some pangs of regret, shaved off my budding chinwhiskers.

After a while, I began to suspect that the same old middle-class images had been my undoing. Without a beard, I was an average clean-cut American college student; with a beard, I showed promise of becoming almost anything from a dirty bum to a shaggy dog. My suspicions were confirmed when Miss Thorpe hastened to assure me, after I had shaved off my fur, that I was once again a "good guy..."

Sanford W. Shaw '67

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Dear Mother and Dad:

Very cold today — brr! After Psych this morning, I asked Sue to be my Carnival date but she already is booked up. Too bad Jane took so long in writing me that she is afraid she is going to have a headache that weekend and can't come up, for she really is a gorgeous girl. You probably think it is just as well about Sue, Mother, but she really isn't what you call "fast" just because she wears her clothes so tight. She's a very good conversationalist. We have long conversations.

Well, anyway, Jack's girl is going to bring her roommate. He showed me a snapshot with her in it, but it's rather blurred, and she's squinting in the sun. Looks a little broad, too, but Jack says it's just the angle the picture was taken from and that she isn't really fat. She apparently is no Fashion Model either. Anyway, thin girls get too cold at the ski events, so it's just as well.

Happy Three Days After Your Birthday, Dad ! ! ! I didn't exactly forget, but have been Studying, and didn't want to take time out for frivolous things like going downtown, because as you so often say, a College Education costs a lot of Money. And she shouldn't fritter.

I did go down to The Vermont Book Shop today, though, and have had them send you a copy of John Gunther's "Inside South America" — which I know you'll like. I have the New York Times review here, which calls it "a marvelous plum pudding of a book. Gunther is unable to write a lifeless sentence. Wherever he goes, he beholds comedies, tragedies and tumbling wonders."

Oh, when I got to the bookshop, Dike Blair, the owner, who usually looks three-quarters asleep, had his eyes wide open, fingers snapping, and smoke puffs spurting from his pipe like smoke signals from an Indian with St. Vitus dance on LSD. Seems they were playing "Let's Go, Go, Go" on the phonograph, a catchy number written by Chester Way, a very nice local man who lives at the Pine Room. I bought a copy of the record, and will have Mr. Way autograph it next time I see him. Love,

Stephen

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Sole SA Candidate Runs On Abolition Platform

There is no candidate for the presidency of the Student Association.

Magna Leffer '68, current secretary of the junior class, is the only candidate to submit a petition and will run unopposed for the SA vice presidency. She will run on the platform that "the Student Association be abolished until such time as there is a need for it."

Miss Leffler cited lack of power as the reason for apathy on the part of members and the student body and the present scarcity of candidates. "The SA has nothing to do. It has no voting power; all we can do is discuss things like how to get coke machines in the dorms."

According to Miss Leffler, other organizations, notably the Student Life Committee, are doing the same job the SA is doing. At least in that organization communication between the students and the administration is direct, she said.

Individual Effort

The plan to abolish the Student Association does not appear to be in any way an organized protest move on the part of the SA but rather an independent action. Susan Walker, vice president of the junior class, who is in charge of the Candidates Committee, said that "students should present their ideas directly to the administration when they want something done." Miss Walker felt that this sort of "individual effort" would meet with more success in the light of the general apathy which constrains the SA.

Miss Walker said that this year the "Student Association has not done anything. Issues are held up so long that the SA seems to dilute student interest rather than encourage it. The student body has no confidence in the Student Association."

Miss Walker made it clear that if anyone is to be blamed for the Student Association's impotent state, much of that blame lies with the administration. "We will wait and see what happens this year" is their attitude on many issues, she explained.

Workshop Needs Directors, Actors

The Middlebury Players Creative Drama Workshop, organized a year ago to "give students the opportunity to participate in the theater at Midd, regardless of previous experience," is currently in need of additional student directors and actors to develop a number of Workshop presentations during the second semester, according to chairman Ronald Najman '69. The next Workshop program has been scheduled for Saturday, March 4.

The organization of the Drama Workshop is extremely flexible, providing the means for students interested in play-writing, acting, directing, or even in voice, dance, or technical aspects of the teater, to contribute to the drama at Middlebury, although they do not take part in the regularly-scheduled major productions.

A typical Workshop production consists of a short one-act play or a scene or two from a larger dramatic work.

Wage Bill . . .

(Cont. from Editorial Section)

The tuition raise, explained Mr. Ross, is necessitated by general needs, not specifically by the federal wage increase.

Since tuition accounts for approximately 40 percent of the College's operating budget, one question worth posing is whether the effects of the already operative federal law and a possible new state requirement will lead to another tuition raise.

A second question, that of the effect which the pending bill would have on student jobs, is a more difficult one. Budget figures concerning the budget percentage devoted to wages — for both student and full-time employees — are not available, according to Ross. The question is complicated because the various departments enforce their own hiring policies, while all directives on wages and raises come from Old Chapel.

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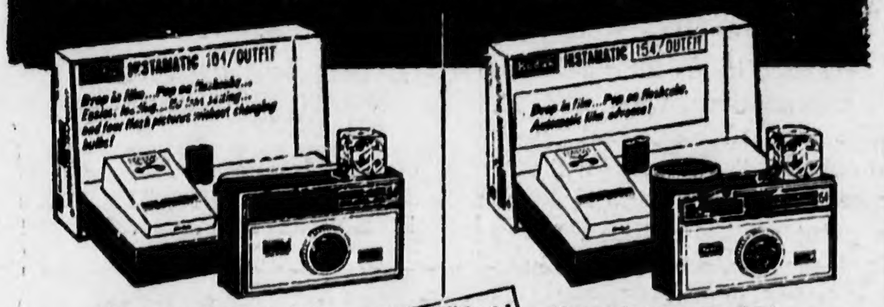

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